



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held May 18, 2016

Members Present: Ellen Alster, Jim Bennett, Elizabeth Davison, Katie Gannon, Roger Howlett, Jackie Lyle, Deborah Munoz-Chacon, Les Shipley, Ron van Ommeren, Peter Warren

Members Absent: Christina Bickelmann,

Guests / Staff Present: Shawn Moore, TDOT Streets; Daniel Hogan, TEP; Laura Mielcarek, Wheat Design; Nick Shipley, Civano Nursery; Patty Rotondi, Tucson Metro Chamber; Irene Ogata, PDSD

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by D.Munoz-Chacon.

2. Minutes for Approval

- April 20, 2016: motion by J.Lyle to accept minutes, second by P.Warren; no discussion/correction.
Approved yes-10, no-0, abstain-0

3. Reports: Monthly Street Landscape Maintenance Report, S.Moore

- Oversees Groundskeeper contract; also Beacon and DOC crews
- Discussion: Gateway clean progressing with litter fee; spraying with post-emergent; will spray with pre-emergent before monsoon. Regular contract crew working on contract; working on lines of communication so different entities aware of what others are doing (i.e., Groundskeeper, DOC, Beacon groups). Challenges: requests from citizens & property managers; check routine schedule, will check site for safety concern, then respond; would be helpful if LAC communicate with Council offices regarding requests and when put in queue.
- Will check: COT citing homeowners for alley veg overgrowth (currently not doing); TEP having difficulty getting through alleys

4. New Discussion:

- A. TDOT and HURF: Budget for next 5 Years: Director D. Cole invited: was not present, will reschedule for next month.

5. Old Discussion

- A. TEP & Poles Update: J.Bennett connected with Cynthia Garcia at TEP – communication companies have 45 day to move lines to new poles, or 5 years if requiring re-routing (i.e., poles moved to other side of roadway); TEP removes old poles once all lines moved; TEP meeting with communication companies in mid-May; letter from LAC would be helpful; letter of concern to cover, quality of visual along scenic route corridors, visual clutter being created with excess poles, could entail zoning violations
- E.Alster and E.Davison volunteered to draft and send letter covering above topics. Motion by D.Munoz for subcommittee to draft and send letter with above content; second by L.Shipley. Motion passed yes=10, no=0, abstain=0.
- B. Budget Discussion: D.Munoz – email to City Attorney from Mayor Rothschild requesting clarification what bed tax funds can be used for; City Attorney had not seen LAC letter, but in general use for visitor-related expenditures; LAC members agreed to meet with Ward offices to try to get clarification;

J.Lyle will set up meetings. No formal action.

C. IPM Update – P.Warren: survey to go out to city staff/departments to get a sense of what City is currently doing; I.Ogata and P.Warren meeting this Friday to review survey prior to sending out.

6. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events
 - NAMI Tuesday at La Cocina – proceeds go to NAMI
 - Desert Horticulture Conference, June 3, P.Warren will email fliers to members
7. Call to Audience:
 - Pima Co. DOT has received requests from Clear Channel to top trees; have been denying but not sure if other jurisdictions have also received similar requests
8. Call for Future Agenda Items
 - TEP's new Tree For You program: Jessica Vega
 - Native Plants Ordinance – potential change
 - Grant Road & Broadway public input and updates
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.